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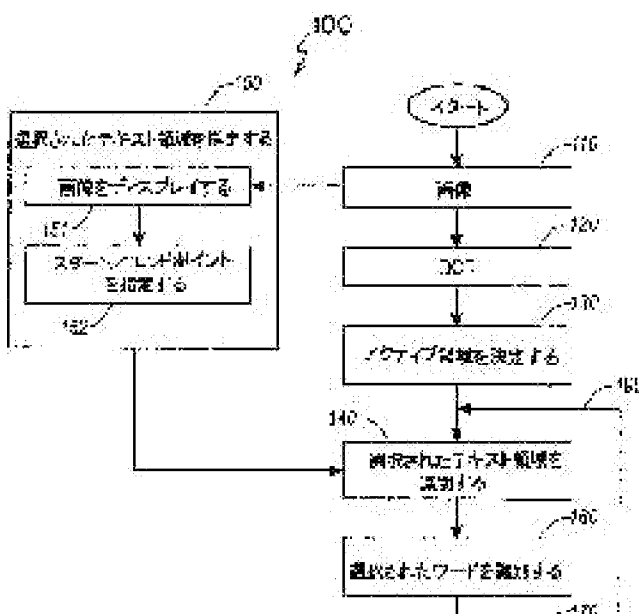R DANCE
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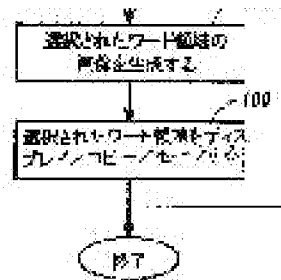Priority number : 1999 438891   Priority date : 12.11.1999   Priority country : US

(54) **METHOD FOR SELECTING TEXT AREA**

(57)Abstract:
PROBLEM TO BE
SOLVED: To provide a
method for selecting a
text area from an
image.
SOLUTION: Characters
by words in an image
and format information
are accessed from a
memory device, and
active areas made to
correspond to the
respective words in the
image based upon the

characters and format
information are
determined; and the
initial and final words in
a text area selected on
the basis of at least one
active area made to
correspond to at least one word in the selected area are
discriminated and on the basis of the initial and final words in the
selected text area, all the words in the selected text area are
discriminated.

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